

**Question for written answer E-007074/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Christians in Syria and Iraq

At this moment, ISIS is attacking the city of Hassaka in north-east Syria. The city of Hassaka is effectively on the border between ISIS territory and the Kurdish-Christian Gozarto Canton of the Democratic Self-Administration. The defenders of the city are doing what they can, but are not receiving any military hardware or ammunition from any of the EU Member States.

The Democratic Self-Administration is the only democratic and free area in Syria. On 12 March 2015, the European Parliament stated that the YPG and the Syriac Military Council should receive support from EU Member States, and on 16 March 2015 the meeting of EU Foreign Affairs ministers gave consent to that approach.

So far nothing has happened, and ISIS continues its attacks on Kurdish and Christian populations. If the policies adopted by Parliament and the EU Foreign Affairs ministers were to be implemented, ISIS would suffer a clear defeat in Syria, which is what we need to make all the efforts in Iraq useful.

Is the VP/HR aware of the ISIS attacks on the city of Hassaka and the lack of EU support for the defenders?

Will the VP/HR raise this issue with the Member States again, in light of the decisions of 12 and 16 March 2015, and ask them to support the YPG and the Syriac Military Council in their defence of the Democratic Self-Administration against ISIS?